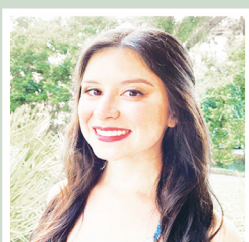


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Bay-Waveland school board approves resolution to seek \$37.9 million bond issue

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Bay-Waveland School District Board of Trustees on Monday voted to approve a resolution seeking a \$37.9 million bond issue for capital improvements. Voters will decide on the issue in March.

Board President Casey Favre spoke at length on the bond issue Monday before the matter went for a vote, answering questions and



BWS District Board President Casey Favre responding to criticisms by Ron Thorp, a member of the Hancock County

Alliance for Good Government.

“Our needs are where we are, facility-wise,” Favre said. “We really only have two options — to fix them or to let them continue to degrade, and they’re not going to fix themselves. ... The buildings exist in the state that they exist.”

Favre said the list of projects to be funded by the bond issue was compiled after lengthy meetings with district faculty and staff and included,

among other things:

- A new Pre-K wing, additional playground facilities and drainage improvements at Waveland Elementary School.
- Classroom renovations and additional facility improvements at Bay High School, along with relocating the ROTC practice field.
- STEM Teaching wing and outdoor dining area at Bay-Waveland Middle School.
- STEM teaching facilities and additional

playground with security improvements and more at North Bay Elementary.

- Improvements at the Crossroads Learning Center, including improving classroom size.
- Improvements, restroom upgrades and press box renovations at school sporting facilities.
- Updating concessions, restrooms, electrical systems and drainage

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Fiery crash on I-10 closes all lanes; motorists stranded overnight

SEA COAST ECHO

Both the eastbound and westbound lanes of I-10 were closed in Hancock County on Monday evening and through early Tuesday after a fiery single-vehicle crash at the Pearl River Bridge.

Officers of the Mississippi Highway Patrol responded to the accident, which occurred at around 10:0 p.m. Monday. Officials said a semi-truck hauling cars collided with the bridge and the vehicles caught fire.

The truck driver was able to escape unharmed, officers said, but all seven vehicles — all BMWs

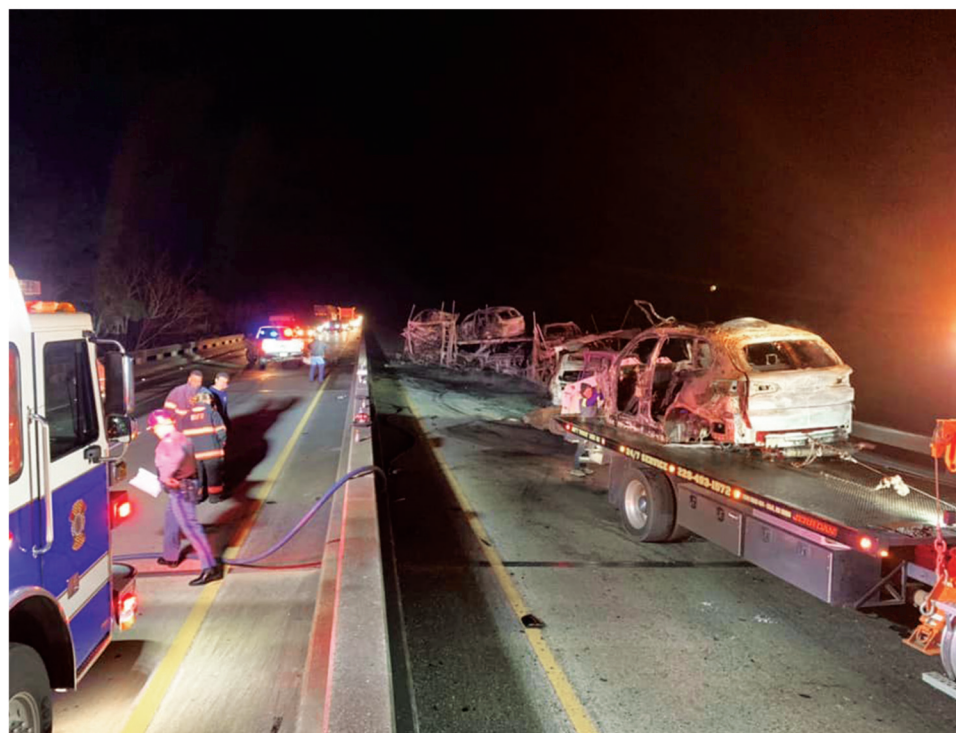


Photo courtesy MHP/MDOT
A semi-truck hauling cars crashed into the Pearl River Bridge on I-10 on Monday evening, closing both the east-and west-bound lanes overnight, stranding dozens of motorists in their vehicles.

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Bay Council votes down measure to change school board selection method

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Bay St. Louis City Council on Monday shot down a resolution asking the state legislature to change it so that all Bay-Waveland School District members are elected, rather than appointed.

The board discussed the matter at length at its regularly-scheduled meeting

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Waveland to host hearing for moratorium on shipping container construction

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen discussed the possibility of placing a moratorium on container construction within the city.

Ward 1 Alderman Jeremy Burke said that a resident is using a shipping container to build a home on St. Joseph Street. He said it’s 20 feet wide, so that meets building code, “essentially, they’re just using it as a building material.”

“There’s been creative uses of shipping containers,” he said. “I haven’t heard that many people say it’s atrocious, I could see how it gets atrocious. With that being said, putting a moratorium on container construction, that might be abrasive, but putting a requirement to have 100 percent facade on it, I think would be more palatable for ev-



Echo file photo by Cassandra Favre
Last summer, the city approved the use of shipping container as onsite homes for participants in the Freedom Lighthouse recovery program on Hwy. 603. Last year, the board also approved the use of a shipping container for a mobile food vendor on the beach near the Lighthouse.

erybody. If you couldn’t tell it’s a shipping container and it’s just used as a building material with 100 percent facade on it, would it be that big of a deal?”

Ward 3 Alderman

Shane LaFontaine said he’s been asked if the shipping container construction meets the building codes.

Building official Josh Hayes said that the building requirement for the

two shipping containers — such as the one on St. Joseph — is welding them together. He added that everything is certified by a professional engineer.

Ward 2 Aldermen

Bobby Richardson said that the shipping container construction wasn’t brought before the board because it conforms to the city’s residential building code.

“Because, I think if it would have come before the board that we want to bring containers in, I don’t know that it would have ever passed,” he said.

City attorney Malcolm Jones said that it meets the requirements of a modular home set forth in the city’s ordinance.

“In the 2021 international building code, which you have not adopted yet, they actually have incorporated a whole chapter on allowing shipping containers to be used as standard building construction,” Jones said. “If this is

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State health officials give update on state’s increasing number of COVID-19 cases; attribute surge to Omicron variant

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

On Friday, Mississippi State Health Officer Dr. Thomas Hobbs, along with State Epidemiologist Dr. Paul Byers and senior deputy and director of the Office of Health Protection Jim Craig, gave an update on the state’s increasing number of COVID-19 cases.

Over the past few days, Byers said, the state has seen an average of about 6,000 to 7,000 cases per day.

On Friday, the Mississippi State Department of Health reported an additional 6,774 cases and 16 deaths.

Of those cases reported on Friday, 135 new cases were in Hancock County.

“We have high transmission of COVID-19 in all parts of the state and the cases have been rapidly rising,” Byers said. “If you look at the cases that have occurred between Dec. 30 and Jan. 5, during that time frame, we had almost 30,000 cases. If you go back, over a two-week period, we’ve had almost 50,000 cases that have occurred.”

Byers said that there has been some increase in the number of deaths, but not to the extent seen in previous waves.

Byers said that the Omicron variant is driving up the number of cases throughout the state.

“We know that Omicron is much more infectious than the previous strains of COVID-19

that we’ve seen, even more infectious than the Delta variant,” Byers said. “Right now, about 73 percent of our overall samples that are being sequenced in the state are Omicron. So it is the predominant strain that we’re seeing right now. For most individuals, it does cause a milder infection, but the sheer number of cases that we’re having right now will drive the increases in hospitalizations and drive increases in deaths and we do anticipate that we will see some increased deaths in the coming weeks.”

Most of the new cases, Byers said, are in individuals between the ages of 25 and 39, as well as 18 to 24-year-olds.

“Where the severity of the illness is, is still in those individuals over the age of 65,” he said. “About 65 percent of our overall deaths in the month of January have been in individuals 65 and older. Certainly, we see a majority of our hospitalizations occurring in those age groups as well.”

Byers said that like with recent waves, the “majority of those deaths are still occurring in individuals who are unvaccinated.”

“More than 70 percent of our deaths over the last month have been in unvaccinated or only partially-vaccinated individuals,” Byers said. “Only two percent of our deaths have occurred in individuals who have been fully-vaccinat-

ed and have received a booster. That booster dose is going to continue to be important. It’s going to be important for everyone going forward to stay up-to-date with vaccination as recommended by MSDH and CDC.”

Up-to-date meaning received both the first and second doses, as well as a booster if eligible, he said.

Byers said that vaccinations lessen the severity of infection if one does become infected.

“But for those individuals who are exposed, if you’re up-to-date with your vaccinations, you do not have to quarantine,” he said. “We recommend additional precautions, wearing a mask for the next 10 days, watching your symptoms, and certainly getting tested at day five after your last exposure.”

Byers said the MSDH is working on updating its guidance — in accordance with the latest from CDC — for K-12 schools and will be meeting with school officials in the coming week.

Craig said that there is a “great” demand for testing, both over-the-counter and at facilities. MSDH has expanded its testing facilities throughout the state.

Individuals can schedule testing at MSDH facilities at www.covid-schedule.umc.edu or calling the COVID-19 hotline at 877-978-6453 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week.

Craig said that this



Photo by Cassandra Favre | Sea Coast Echo

Last week, the state’s top health officials addressed the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and its potential burden on the state’s healthcare system.

week, there has been about a 64 percent increase in hospitalizations due to COVID-19 confirmed cases.

Byers said there is a need for additional ICU space throughout different areas of the state because it’s more than just COVID. There’s trauma, heart attacks, strokes, and other critical injuries, and illnesses.

“We are continuing to receive reports from hospitals that they’re still experiencing staff shortages, especially in their nursing services,” Byers said. “We also understand that physical ICU beds are still available, but many of them cannot be opened due to a lack of staffing.”

Byers said that the COVID System of Care plan is still active in the state of Mississippi, but the mandatory rotation of critical care patients is not currently active.

Dobbs said that vaccination continues to be

important.

“We’ve seen how phenomenally useful that is in helping people from becoming ill and also having severe illness,” he said. “There is a growing body of data that strongly supports that having a booster dose not only does provide additional antibodies and protected immunity from the Omicron variant, but as we’ve seen, only two percent of the deaths we’ve seen in the past month are related to those who have been boosted.”

At present, Dobbs said there is a “limited” supply of monoclonal antibodies available to the state.

“As soon as they’re made available, they have been distributed immediately from the federal distributor to locations throughout the state,” he said. “This week, we were allocated less than 900 doses of monoclonal antibodies. And if you consider

the tens of thousands of cases we’ve had, you can see the severe disparity between demand and supply.”

Dobbs said that MSDH is recommending that physicians target those for treatment that are at the highest risk, those who are older, who have chronic conditions, or weakened immune systems.

Dobbs said the state has received oral antiviral medications, 480 doses of Pfizer’s Paxlovid and 2,220 doses of molnupiravir.

“There are oral medications that are antiviral that have been shown to really help folks with COVID,” Dobbs said. “If we look at the molnupiravir, it reduces a risk of hospitalization or death by about 30 percent and if we look at the Paxlovid, it’s going to be

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Krewe of Olympus announces 2022 Debutantes

SEA COAST ECHO

The Krewe of Olympus is very proud to introduce two very accomplished and beautiful debutantes for the 2022 season. The Grand Ball will be held on Saturday, January 29th at the Club at Diamondhead where the two young ladies will be formally presented.

Miss Colleen Rose Nolan is the daughter of Patrick and Sarah Nolan of Diamondhead, the granddaughter of Dick and Betsy Nolan of Diamondhead and Jon and Susan Ritten of Lexington, Virginia. She is 18 years old and a senior at Our Lady Academy, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA and serves as President of the Student

Body. She also serves as Secretary of the National Honor Society and is an ambassador for the school. Colleen is additionally a member of the National Spanish Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta. She is captain of the OLA Cross Country team and a member of both the OLA Track and Field team and Saint Stanislaus Cheerleading

squad. Colleen attends Mass at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, where she serves as the first grade CCD teacher every Sunday morning. She volunteers for Buddy Ball in the spring, where she spends time assisting special needs baseball teams. Colleen plans to study Pharmaceutical Sciences next year to pursue her dream

of becoming a pharmacist.

Colleen will be escorted by her father, Patrick Glenn Nolan.

Katherine Lydia Ashe Tibbs (Kate) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Edward Tibbs of Diamondhead and the granddaughter of Mrs. Patricia Tibbs, the late Dr. Robert Tibbs of Cleveland, Mississippi, and the late Mr. J.L. and Mrs. Carolyn Beavers of Sumrall, Mississippi.

She is 18 years old and a senior at Hancock High school, where she maintains a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the Beta Club, Future Business Leaders of America, Health Occupation Students of America, Rho Kappa, Science National

Honors Society, and Mu Alpha Theta. Kate is also a member of the National French Honors Society, where she serves as President, National Honors Society. She serves as Vice President, and Student Council, where she serves as student body historian. Kate played basketball her freshman year and is a co-captain of the Hancock High School's tennis team, who with her girl's doubles' partner, was runner up at the 6A-district level and qualified to the state tournament in 2021. As a member of the Student Council, she coordinated a supply drive for victims of Hurricane Ida. This past summer, she volunteered as a coach for the Diamondhead

kid's tennis camp. Outside of school, Kate is a member of St. Thomas Episcopal church, where she served as an acolyte. With her acolyte group, she participated in multiple soup and spaghetti dinner fundraisers that benefitted various non-profits in the county. Kate is also a member of the Hancock Youth Leadership Academy and will be on the 2022 Cleveland Junior Auxiliary Children's Benefit Ball Court. After high school, Kate plans to attend the University of Mississippi and major in Exercise Science on a pre-physical therapy track.

Kate will be escorted by her father, Edward Tibbs.

Local student makes Honor Roll at Oregon State University

SEA COAST ECHO

Names of students who have made the Scholastic Honor Roll Fall 2021 have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 8,043 students earned a B-plus (3.5) or better to make the listing. To be on the Honor Roll, students must carry at least 12 graded hours of course work.

Local Students on the Honor Roll included:
Waveland
Alexander Chang, Junior, Computer Science.

Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Patriots Pen Gold Medalist Wins VFW District Competition



Photo submitted

Diamondhead VFW Post 2880 Patriot's Pen 2021 gold medalist Hayden Hopgood won the VFW post 2880 district competition. Patriot's Pen is a VFW sponsored youth essay competition giving middle school students an opportunity to write essays expressing their view on an annual patriotic theme. This year's theme was "How can I be a good American." VFW Post 2880 sponsors students from Hancock Middle school. By winning the district completion Hayden Hopgood now advances to the state competition. Pictured left to right are Post 2880 Commander Dr. Arlen "Ken" Griffey, Wendy Hopgood, mother of Hayden Hopgood, Hayden Hopgood, and Post 2880 Jr. Vice Commander Donald Crosby presenting Hayden with a cash prize for \$100.

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Waveland discusses live oak and magnolia tree ordinance

BY CASSANDRA FAYRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen discussed the city’s tree ordinance as it relates to the preservation of live oak and magnolia trees.

City attorney Malcolm Jones said he made a few changes to the ordinance that he received from the Planning and Zoning Commission.

In section four, Jones said that the application for a tree removal will be made to the zoning official if the applicant has a report from an arborist who finds that the criteria for tree removal has been met.

After an inspection, if the zoning official denies the permit, then the Planning and Zoning Commission will host a hearing to decide whether to approve or deny the application, he said. Jones said, if denied, the homeowner has the option of appealing to the board of Mayor and Aldermen during a hearing.

“This should speed up the process tremendously, as it’s not going to require a hearing every single time before the zoning board,” Jones said.

Jones said that many cities also have a local arborist available for consults.

Jim Meggett, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Keep Waveland Beautiful, said that there are three arborists the city’s zoning official recommends to applicants.

Jones suggested that the city — during the next fiscal year’s budget talks — budget funds for arborist consultations.

City Clerk Mickey Lagasse said the city does currently have one that works pro-bono.

Ward 1 Alderman Jeremy Burke asked about the \$75 fee.

Jones said it was part of the commission’s recommendation to charge the fee for the live oak or magnolia tree removal application.

Burke said that he thinks the building permit fee should cover the cost of the Waveland arborist.

“So, if someone’s asking to cut down a tree, they incur all costs,” he said. “So if it’s a \$250 / \$300 permit, that shouldn’t matter to anybody.”

Jones said that when the applicant turns in the application for tree removal, it must also include an arborist report, which the applicant pays for.

Ward 3 Alderman Shane LaFontaine said that he thinks the only way the \$75 fee should be added is if the applicant needs to go before the zoning board and have an arborist involved.

“If it’s (live oak or magnolia) in the middle of the property where they’re trying to build a house, it should be part of the permit fees,” he said. “If the tree is smack dab in the middle of the house and there’s no way around it and our zoning official looks at it and says ‘no way around it’ I can’t see tacking another \$75 on the expense of building a house.”

Jones said that people who aren’t building a home might come in and request a tree removal.

“So there is no building permit fee, they’ve already paid,” he said. “In that situation, there ought to be a provision where the permit fee might apply.”

Jones said that the other change he made to the ordinance involved the penalty for violation of the ordinance.

“By law, municipal court cannot charge a fine higher than \$1,000,” Jones said.

Some of the previous fines listed were more than that, he said.

The proposed penalties section states “violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 per tree illegally removed or damaged, or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both, and in addition, payment of all costs of prosecution and expenses involved in the case may be recovered by the city.”

Jones said he will make the changes to the ordinance as discussed by the board. The first change is if the applicant has paid the building permit, then he or she won’t be charged the \$75 until it gets to the zoning board. The second one is if the applicant does not have a building permit, then has to pay the \$75 fee.

Meggett said he will also present the proposed ordinance to the Planning and Zoning

Commission and Keep Waveland Beautiful for review as well.

The board is expected to take official action on the ordinance in February.

A copy of the proposed ordinance can be found at www.seacoast-echo.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Bay St. Louis, “A Place Apart”

The City of Bay St. Louis is currently accepting resumes from citizens who are professionals in willing to serve and support the Bay-Waveland School District and make a difference in the overall quality of education that the school is providing and must be awarded a minimum of a high school diploma or a certificate of high school equivalency but not limited to:

- Consistently express the belief that all students can learn and that schools can teach all children.
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- Ensures adequate and effective personnel are employed.

Resumes must be received in the Mayor’s Office at 688 Highway 90 by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 28, 2022. The mailing address is: City of Bay St. Louis, Mayor’s Office, Post Office Box 2550, Bay St. Louis, MS., 39521. For more information, contact Mary Burch at (228)466-8951 or mburch@baystlouis-ms.gov.

MSDH reports 16,484 new cases of COVID-19 and 16 deaths statewide for Jan. 7-9; 217 new cases and two deaths reported in Hancock County

SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) on Tuesday reported 16,484 new cases of COVID-19 in the state and 16 deaths for the three-day period Jan. 7 through 9. Two hundred seventeen new cases and two deaths were reported in Hancock County.

Hancock County’s total now stands at 8,877 with 136 COVID-19 related deaths.

“Mississippi’s total of COVID-19 cases since March 11, 2020 now stands at 603,031 with 10,543 deaths,” according to the agency’s statement on Tuesday. “There are now 284 active outbreaks of COVID-19 in long-term care facilities (where an outbreak is one or more cases among residents or staff).”

As of Jan. 9, the MSDH reports that 1,093 Mississippians are hospitalized with confirmed infection; 217 patients in ICU; 70 patients hospitalized with suspected infection; and 92 patients on ventilators.

Twelve deaths reported on Tuesday occurred between Jan. 5 and Jan. 8. Four deaths occurred between Oct. 18 and Dec. 31, identified from death certificate reports.

Monoclonal antibodies is having a positive impact on those diagnosed with COVID-19 and can prevent hospitalization or death.

Residents can call the Mississippi COVID hotline at 1-877-978-6453 for information about where to go and get monoclonal antibodies.

As of Jan. 10, about 19,281 Hancock residents — about 40 percent of the population — had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Only 16,849 Hancock residents — about 35 percent of the population — had been fully vaccinated.

Statewide, the total doses administered is 3,544,881. Of that number, 1,683,925 have received at least one dose. The MSDH reports that 1,460,502 Mississippians are fully vaccinated and 470,781 people have received the booster or third dose.

Vaccination against COVID-19 is free, safe and greatly reduces the risk of hospitalization and death. You can be vaccinated at any of our free sites, or at hundreds of providers statewide. Find booster and vaccination information at <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19vaccination>

Third vaccine doses and booster doses are now available through county health departments for those who qualify. More information at <https://msdh.ms.gov/boosters>

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is now scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for children 5 to 11 years old.

“Anyone with symptoms of fever, severe cough or severe chest pains — especially those who are older or in poor health — should make arrangements for testing with their doctor or one of the many healthcare providers now performing testing,” according to MSDH. “Healthcare providers can assess your health history and symptoms, and perform testing for COVID-19 as needed. Always call ahead to the testing provider for instructions on safely being examined before you visit for your test.”

The latest COVID-19 guidance and protective steps to take are also online at <http://HealthyMS.com/covid-19>.

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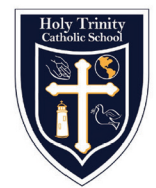
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Opinion

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“Selfish” and childless

Last week, Pope Francis made a comment that got me thinking.

Taken from the official transcript of his remarks last Wednesday, “We should not be afraid to choose the path of adoption, to take the ‘risk’ of welcoming children. And today, with orphanhood, there is a certain selfishness. The other day, I spoke about the demographic winter there is nowadays, in which we see that people do not want to have children, or just one and no more. And many, many couples do not have children because they do not want to, or they just have one — but they have two dogs, two cats... yes, dogs and cats take the place of children. Yes, it’s funny, I understand, but it is the reality. And this denial of fatherhood or motherhood diminishes us, it takes away our humanity.”

Down further he goes on, “It is true, there is the spiritual fatherhood of those who consecrated themselves to God, and spiritual motherhood; but those who live in the world and get married, think about having children, of giving life, which they will take from you for the future. And also, if you cannot have children, think about adoption. It is a risk, yes; having a child is always a risk, either naturally or by adoption. But it is riskier not to have them. It is riskier to deny fatherhood, or to deny motherhood, be it real or spiritual. But denial, a man or woman who do not develop the sense of fatherhood or motherhood, they are lacking something, something fundamental, something important. Think about this, please.”

Okay, so I thought about it and I’m still satisfied with my decision to not have children.

I am also one of those pet parents. I currently have two cats, Jazzy and Miles. I also have three pets who have passed on, Rocco, Lulu, and Rango.

I love my animals very much and especially when Jazzy the Siamese is in a good mood, receive so much love back in return.

They were all rescued in one form or another, whether it be from the Hancock County Animal Shelter, the woods, or the side of the road.

I don’t regret choosing to be a pet mom.

It’s not that I don’t like children. Of course, if you catch me after a trip to Walmart, I might tell you a different story. The screaming — mostly



STAFF COLUMN
BY Cassandra Favre

Hancock History: Formation of the town of Pearlington



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY James Keating M.D.

Plantations were built on tracts of land near Pearlington which Simon Favre as Justice of the Peace had approved. One famous house located on Bayou Mulatto and probably built by Philippe Saucier, was called “Laurel Wood” by its most famous occupant, J.F.H. Claiborne (1809-1884). “Laurel Wood” was located two miles southeast of Pearlington and became one of the most successful cotton plantations in the area under Claiborne’s management.

Jean Baptiste Doby (D’audy) (c.1770-c.1835) was awarded a Spanish permit of 1,280 acres (two square miles) on Bayou Cowen, which is in the present day subdivision of Oak Harbor. Doby was a native of Hyeres, Provence, France from which he emigrated sometime before 1796. He married Marie Jeanne Girand (1772-1849) of New Orleans that same year. Doby owned and operated schooners that serviced the Gulf Coast in that era. He picked Bayou Cowan as a perfect site to homestead and built a shipping dock called “Doby’s Point” for schooners, crewed by his slaves, the essential, experienced, and able seamen at that time Doby planted cotton and raised cattle and hogs. He chose this spot because it was next to the “bustling community” of Pearlington, that was necessary for his carrying trade.

After the War of 1812, the Great Migration resumed. In 1817, Willis H. Arnold ran a school called The Pearlington Academy. In 1820, Lt. Col. Zachery Taylor (1784-1850) built a road from Pearlington to Shieldsboro (Bay St. Louis). Pearlington supplied many of the bricks from the Bennet and Morte brickyard for the construction of Fort Pike on the Rigolets during its construction from 1819-1826. The Rigolets (pronounced rig’ –oh-lees) is a long deep water straight in Louisiana between Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Borgne. Rigolets is a French word that translated means a trench or gutter.

It was now time for the proper formation of a town. In 1819, Elihu Carver made the plot and diagram of the streets of Pearlington, which is still in existence today. The Pearlington Compa-

ny was formed in 1820 to govern and form the town and “develop its growth and prosperity.” General George Henry Nixon (1778-1824), a distinguished army commander in the previous wars with the British and Creek Indians, was elected the first President of the Pearlington Company. He had retired to Pearlington a few years before his death. In 1806, he married Rebecca Bracy (1778-1868) who was from Virginia. They are buried in the Pearlington Cemetery. In 1822, the Mississippi Legislature acknowledged the charter of incorporation of the city of Pearlington.

Publius Rutilius Rufus Pray (P.R.R. Praay, 1795-1839) was a distinguished lawyer who practiced in New Orleans with General Eleazer Wheelock Ripley (1782-

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MS House Weekly Summary



Guest Column
By State Representative Brent Anderson

On January 4, 2022, the Mississippi State Legislature began the third session in its four-year term. Though it is early in the session, there were a few items

taken up and passed on the House floor.

House Bill 384 was introduced on Thursday morning. The bill contains the new Magnolia 1 Plan for congressional redistricting as proposed by the Joint Redistricting Committee. The plan would most notably extend Congressman Benjie Thompson’s District 2 into Adams, Amite, Franklin, and Wilkinson Counties in the southwest corner of the state. Representative Robert Johnson (D-Natchez), the House Democratic Caucus Leader, introduced Amendment 1 to HB 384, which proposed a different plan giving District 2 all of Hinds

County and a portion of Madison County, while leaving the southwest four counties in District 3. After much debate, the amendment was defeated 43-76, and HB 384 passed by a vote of 75-44 with the Magnolia 1 plan.

House Bill 1413, the 2021 appropriations bill for the Mississippi Department of Transportation, was reintroduced on Wednesday after receiving a partial veto from Governor Tate Reeves. It has been re-referred to committee.

The House has added a new member to its roster since the 2021 Legislative Session as the result of a special election.

Representative Robert Sanders (D-Cleveland) fills the seat left open by former Representative Abe Hudson, who resigned in August.

Wednesday, January 12, is the deadline to request legislation, and Monday, January 17, is the deadline for filing bills. More than 500 House bills have already been filed and referred to committees.

For the first time since March 2020, junior pages have returned to the House of Representatives. Pages are junior high and high school students from around the state who are sponsored by House members and staff.

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Arrest Record

The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County justice facility from the past week. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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Angela M. Nations, 50, disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; contempt of court failure to appear
Jhy C. Colletti, 22, grand larceny
Miles A. Corbitt, 32, simple domestic violence simple assault
Nathan J. Bradley, 36, possession of a controlled substance violations; parole violation
Foy L. Shirah, Jr., 41, petit larceny; malicious mischief
Cortni D. Waggoner, 29, contempt of court failure to appear

Noah T. Graves, 34, contempt of court failure to appear
Westly Pender, 56, contempt of court failure to appear
Christopher D. Daw, 48, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Ashley S. Sunday, 30, back for court/court order
Sarah A. Thompson, 25, possession of paraphernalia; disorderly conduct
Foy L. Shirah, Jr., 41, shoplifting
Richard W. Neice, 49, disorderly conduct; indecent exposure
Michael O. LaFontaine, 30, none or expired drivers license
Dakota S. Bernos, 23, petit larceny
Shantel L. Seawright, 43, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Sidney I. Sanchez, 34, contempt of court failure

to appear
Jennifer L. Hall, 42, leaving scene of accident involving only vehicular
Anthony R. Engolia, Jr., 33, shoplifting; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Anthony J. Fadden, 27, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Javone D. Martin, 39, contempt of court failure to appear x 2; simple domestic violence simple assault
Jarrett A. Thomas, 31, shoplifting; contempt failure to appear
Taylor J. Marquar, 24, felony possession of controlled substance; contempt failure to appear; probation violation
Crystal O. Pratt, 32, felony possession of controlled substance
Sophia D. Grebs, 29, DUI 1st offense
Seth S. Perret, 21, contempt failure to appear
Tommy D. Parker, 43, hold for other agency
Raymond H. Godsey, 41, contempt of court

failure to appear
Ashley L. McGill, 42, contempt of court failure to appear
Ashton J. Stewart, 68, contempt of court failure to appear
Joseph M. Johnson, 40, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Angel M. Melton, 27, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Robert J. Oshinski, 37, aggravated assault
Eric L. Thompson, 49, hold for other agency
August J. Terry, 52, hold for other agency
Charles W. Giles, 38, contempt failure to appear x 7; probation violation
Alexander Padron, 23, felony possession of controlled substance
Christopher M. Wilson, 43, contempt failure to appear
Jonathan M. Bounds, 40, contempt failure to appear; child support failure or desertion x 2
Aaron D. Bobinger, 36, possession of paraphernalia

Byron E. Washington, 53, felony DUI x 2
April C. Wells, 40, shoplifting
Christiana M. Mancuso, 33, contempt of court failure to appear
Marcus A. Tatum, 33, possession of paraphernalia
Jason T. Vuong, 34, disorderly conduct; public drunk
Hank J. Bourgeois, 48, weekender
Joshua D. Graham, 38, simple assault
Spencer R. Powell, 28, contempt failure to appear x 2
Misty M. May, 37, contempt of court failure to appear
Jesse J. Berry, 29, improper equipment; drunkenness/profanity in public place; possession of marijuana (1-30 grams)
Courtney L. Shannon, 27, grand larceny
Christopher W. Giovanni, 33, receiving stolen property
Cody J. Moran, 30, contempt of court failure

to appear x 2
Brandon T. Pavolini, 39, simple domestic violence simple assault
Jessica L. Kennedy, 38, simple domestic violence simple assault
Kenneth A. Marciniak, 34, motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest; misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia; hold for other agency
Ramon L. Augustus, 26, hold for other agency
Leslie E. Ford, 54, simple assault
Tobey M. Banner, Sr., 44, contempt of court failure to appear x 3
Tobey M. Banner, Jr., 24, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Joe W. Fecher, 52, simple assault
Raken D. Jackson, 29, DUI; contempt of court failure to appear
Dale A. Evitts, II, 47, contempt of court failure to appear
Jaron H. Jackson, 33, DUI 1st offense

MDMR Marine Information Calendars available coastwide

SEA COAST ECHO

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources’ 2022 Marine Information Calendars are now available at locations along the Coast.

The agency held a photo contest earlier this year, and those chosen are featured each month, as well as on photo pages in the calendar.

The winners of the photo contest are: Cover, Joan McCool; January, Tammy Umpstead; February, Mai Dang; March, Sonny Schindler; April, Gary Crossland; May, Jeff Baldock; June, Caroline W. Shaw; July, Bob Effinger; August, Lisa Lindsey; September, Courtney Walker; October, B. Hammond; November, Diane Moore; December, Van Garrard.

This year’s calendar features the of-

fices and programs that MDMR administers to protect those coastal resources. The free calendar also contains such information as tide data, sunrise and sunset times, moon phases, artificial reef coordinates, size and possession limits for fish, boating safety requirements and Mississippi saltwater fish records.

The calendars will be available at the following locations while supplies last. Calendars will also be available at Coast bait shops.

BAY ST. LOUIS:
The Sea Coast Echo, 835 Hwy 90 Suite #8, 228-467-5473

PASS CHRISTIAN:
Pass Christian Water Department, 200 West Scenic Drive 228-452-3311
Pass Christian Harbor Master’s Office, 115 Market St., 228-452-5128

• CRASH

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— and the truck, burned.

MHP officers and Mississippi Department of Transportation personnel worked overnight at the scene, and an MDOT engineer inspected the bridge to ensure it was structurally sound before reopening traffic at around 7:45 a.m. Tuesday.

Many motorists were stranded in their vehicles overnight on the interstate, with no way to pass or turn around.

“MDOT engineers are still on scene inspecting the bridge,



Photo courtesy of MHP

drivers are advised to use caution in this area,” according to an MDOT press release issued Tuesday morning after I-10 was reopened.

“Crews will be

working to install temporary guardrails later today, drivers should expect temporary lane closures. Motorists are reminded to be on high alert for roadside workers.”

• SELFISH

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from parents — and cries of children can be unbearable at times.

According to the World Population Clock, there are almost eight billion people in the world and the number keeps rising.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that on Jan. 1, 2022, the U.S. population was about 332,403,650.

And according to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System FY 2020 data, the number of children in foster care on Sept. 30, 2020 was 407,493.

According to American Adoptions.com, the average cost of an adoption is about \$70,000.

According to an article at businessinsider.com, the “average cost to have a baby in the United States, without complications during delivery, is \$10,808 — which can increase to \$30,000 when factoring in care provided and after pregnancy.”

It varies from state-to-state, whether or not the parents have insurance, and whether

it was a vaginal birth or c-section.

So, without even factoring in the costs of food, shelter, and other basic needs, it is expensive to have or adopt a child. And I’m sure the costs get even more astronomical for people who struggle with infertility.

Also, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, there were about 37.2 million people in poverty. The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2020 was \$26,496.

So, the financial aspect of having a child played a factor in my decision, which also includes covering the child’s healthcare costs and other basic needs.

In the majority of families, both parents must work to make ends meet, which means they will need childcare and make arrangements for when the children are out of school. Note: School is not a daycare center. It is a place to learn. Finding care for your own children when school is not in session is your problem. That’s one of the responsibilities that comes with being a parent, finding the adequate amount of time to spend with them.

I’ve also heard there are some pretty neat tax breaks when one has dependents.

Where’s my tax break for not having one and how come I still have to pay school taxes when I don’t have children who attend school?

Which brings me to another factor in my decision making. I’m not the biggest fan of the education system in its current state, as you may have gleaned from previous columns.

And I shouldn’t have to make the decision to have a child because it’s expected out of me in some way. There’s a lot of people on this planet and I’m not sure how much longer our resources will last. And should you really be having children because your religious leader told you to?

Plus, if you go by what you read on various Facebook posts, mommy’s needing wine is a big thing. So, apparently, children can also induce a drinking problem.

I get the “joke,” but it’s not really that funny nor is it flattering.

Raising children is a very hard job and takes a huge commitment. I think people who realize that are not acting out of selfishness, but rather out of thoughtful consideration.

Television icon Betty White, whom I wrote about last week, summed it up pretty well when asked in a 2012 interview whether or not she

regretted having children.

“No, I’ve never regretted it,” she said. “I’m so compulsive about stuff, I know if I had ever gotten pregnant, of course, that would’ve been my whole focus. But I didn’t choose to have children because I’m focused on my career. And I just don’t think as compulsive as I am that I could manage both.”

Don’t let society or hopeful grandparents-to-be pressure you into making a life choice that doesn’t fit your desires or current life situation.

I love being an aunt. However, when my nephew visits, I’m reminded of just how difficult it can often be to rearrange my work schedule in order to spend time with him and how expensive it can get to feed him or participate in a fun activity.

And to speak to the idea that not having children is “selfish,” I would have to strongly disagree.

I think it’s more selfish to bring children into uncertain financial situations, abusive families, or have them for purely narcissistic reasons or coercion from family members and society.

I do agree with the Pope that more people could consider adoption, but with it being so expensive and full of red

tape, is it truly a viable option for everyone who wishes to bless their family with a child in need?

It seems almost like a tone-deaf statement for him to make, given the state of the world. Poverty is rampant; healthcare costs — at least in the U.S. — are quite expensive; and the U.S. already has almost half a million children in foster care. Maybe we should be concentrating on fixing some of the things that are broken before just procreating all over the place.

Parenting is a hard job and I would definitely want to be an active parent. One who put her whole heart and soul into the task. But, after so much consideration, I realized that it’s not for me.

Besides, there are so many other ways to influence a child’s life than just birthing one. You can be the person who mentors them during a tough time, the objective voice who provides advice, and so much more.

I’m very much content being the “cool” aunt who can never have too many cats.

Cassandra is a staff writer at the Sea Coast Echo and can be reached at cassandra@sea-coastecho.com.

• HISTORY

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1839). Pray moved to Pearlington in 1822. By this time Pearlington was enough of a commercial center to support their

law practice. Pray was also a local politician who served in the Mississippi Legislature from 1826-1829 and served as a Judge of the High Court of Errors and Appeals in 1837.

He invested heavily in real estate and lived with his wife, Maria Learner

(1899-1848), and their children in Tusculum, a neighborhood in Pearlington.

Pray and Maria are buried in Belle Isle Cemetery in Pearlington.

Residents of New Orleans moved to Pearlington and other spots along the Gulf Coast during

this time to escape epidemics of disease like yellow fever.

The fresh air or sea breeze and the general environment were deemed more healthful than that experienced in the city, especially during the hot months of the year.

Although the county seat was in Caesar, and then Gainesville, the county courts were held alternately each six months in Pearlington and Shieldsboro.

There was a sheriff in town that performed weddings.

There was no Meth-

odist church until 1846, but the Pearl River basin did have the services of a circuit rider Methodist pastor who would visit each town, possibly as early as 1807

In our next column the era of steamboats on the Pearl River will be presented.

Obituaries

- MELISSA MARIE FOUNTAIN
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 - AUBREY KENDELL “BIG LA” LEWIS
 - KEISHA ANNE MARTIN
- EURZELINE “MAYOLA” NAQUIN LEVRON ROTHERHAM
 - EVELYN CHRISTIAN WINCH

MELISSA MARIE FOUNTAIN

Melissa Marie Fountain, 39, of Bay St. Louis, MS passed away Monday, January 3, 2022 in Bay St. Louis.

Melissa was born January 7, 1982 and raised in Bay St. Louis. She was a beautiful and loving fiancée”, daughter, sister, and aunt. She enjoyed spending time with family, music, art, beach rides, and her puppy Luna. Melissa loved her New Orleans Saints, never missed a game. She will be sadly missed by family & friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandmothers, Audrey Fountain and Thyra Russo; and grandfather, Louis Fountain.

Survived by her loving fiancé, Terrell Moran; mother, Patricia Fountain; father, Kenneth Fountain; four sisters, Felicia Bragg (Kevin), Christy Stiglet (Norman), Trisha Harper (Jerry), and April Fountain (Duke); three children, Peyton, Megan, and Donte”; two great-nephews, and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will be



Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis from noon until 2:00 pm with a Prayer Service at 2:00 pm.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

DONALD PATRICK “PAT” LAIRD

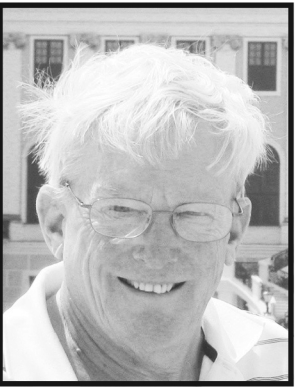
Donald Patrick “Pat” Laird entered into eternal rest on Monday, January 3, 2022 at the age of 76 at his home in Diamondhead, Mississippi, from throat cancer and dementia.

The son of Suzanne Nimrod Laird and Donald Patrick Dailey, Sr., and stepson of Clifton Laird, Pat was born on November 20, 1945 in Ponca City, Oklahoma and lived most recently in Slidell and Lacombe, Louisiana, then Diamondhead, Mississippi.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Beryl Bordelon Laird, daughter Amanda Catherine Peterson of Ocala, Florida, son, Aaron Scott Laird of Framingham, MA (and daughter-in-law Kris Laird), his sister Paula J. Laird of Baton Rouge, step-daughters Cheri Schultz of Lake City, Florida (and son-in-law Richard Schultz) and Renee Warren of Slidell, Louisiana, granddaughter Caroline Laird and grandsons Noah and Joshua Laird,

step-grandson Zachary Warren, step-granddaughters Brittany Warren, Rebecca Warren, Lauren Schultz and Morgan Schultz.

After his military service in the Marine Corps, including a tour of duty in Viet Nam, he was honorably discharged and always proud of being a Marine. Pat spent most of his adult life selling office equipment, often winning trips for his successes, and once retired, enjoyed playing golf, doing crossword puzzles, being active in Diamondhead Community Church, and traveling with his wife. Previously Pat was the president of Pinewood Country Club in Slidell, Louisiana, was POA president of Diamondhead Country Club (now known as the Club at Diamondhead), was Junior Vice Commander of VFW Post 2880 in Diamondhead, was a founding Member of Diamondhead Detachment 1454 of the Marine Corps League, and was a Life Member and the Junior Vice Commandant for two years of the MCL.



The family would like to thank Notre Dame Hospice for the wonderful care they gave Pat.

A memorial service will be held at Diamondhead Community Church on Friday, January 14 at 11:00 am followed by a light lunch in the church fellowship hall. Visitation is from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. We respectfully ask everyone to mask to prevent the spread of Covid. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VFW Post 2880 in Diamondhead, MS.

The Riemann Family Funeral Home, Pass Christian, is serving the family and online condolences may be offered at www.riemannfamily.com

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF AUBREY KENDELL “BIG LA” LEWIS

Aubrey Kendell Lewis, age 22 was born on May 4, 1999 in Gulfport, MS. to Dawn Jacinta Lewis. On Saturday, January 1, 2022, Aubrey gained his wings as he departed to his Heavenly home.

Aubrey was a member of Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church of Bay St. Louis, MS. He received his education through the Bay Waveland School District. He was a member of the varsity Football, Baseball, and Soccer team. He was a 2018 Bay High School Graduate. Aubrey was known along the Gulf coast for his award winning smile and his love for music. He was also employed with Curree Inspection Services LLC., as an Inspector.

Aubrey was preceded in death by his God Father Dedrick “Pimp” Jackson.

He leaves to cherish and celebrate his life his mother Dawn Lewis of Bay St. Louis, MS., father Arthur Smith of Pearlinton, MS., and Calvin Haynes Jr., of Biloxi, MS. Three brothers: D’Quan Lewis, Airman Kaleb Maxwell Lewis, and Tavoris Stuckey of Bay St. Louis, MS. his loving and devoted grandmother Ms. Rose Lewis of Bay St. Louis, MS., grandfather Mr. Marion Word of Gulfport, MS. A special great aunt; Ollie Lewis, girlfriend; Quin’ Tasyia Victor, nephew; Levi Lymuel, niece Madeline Rose Lewis, Godson; Asher Brown, aunts; Brandy Hill and Larryetta Laneaux, One loving and playful pet that he referred to as his “son”



Diesel. Godparents; Tina Sanders, Nefertiti Hopkins, and Billy Raye Raine. a gang of family and friends who will miss him dearly.

Service will be held Saturday January 15, 2022 at 11 am., visitation from 9 am until 11 am., at Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church. Officiating by Elder Eller Holmes Hines. Burial in the St. Stephen Cemetery 6407 Lovouy RD., Delisle, MS. Baylous Funeral Home in charge of arrangement.

Masks Required.

KEISHA ANNE MARTIN

Keisha Anne Martin of Picayune, Mississippi passed away on Friday, December 31, 2021, at the age of 37.

Keisha lived most her life on the Mississippi Gulf Coast and was a member of Bayou Talla Baptist Church in Kiln, Mississippi. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and singing. She loved taking care of her dogs and making people laugh and smile. She will be missed by many.

She is survived by her parents, Paul J. Martin, Jr. (Angie) and Valerie

Lepine (Louis); grandparents, Beulah Kennedy (Louis) and James Martin; brothers, Richard Martin (Regina), Chad Martin (Candice), and Paul J. Martin III (Cortnee); nieces and nephews: Savannah, Shianne, SheaLeigh, Gaige, Ricky, Michael, Mercedes, Preston, Kendall, Jared, and Peyton.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Anthelia Tomasich (Wayne) and Paul Martin, Sr; nieces, Kaitlynn and Kylee.

A private service will be held by family.

Arrangements are un-



der the direction of Picayune Funeral Home. Please visit our website, picayunefuneral.com for the obituary where you may leave an online condolence or share photos and memories.

EURZELINE “MAYOLA” NAQUIN LEVRON ROTHERHAM

Eurzeline “Mayola” Naquin Levron Rotherham, age 102, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 31, 2021. She was a native of Pointe-aux-chenes and a resident of Houma, LA but spent most of her retirement years in Waveland, MS.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Chauvin Funeral Home on Thursday, January 6, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. until a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be held in Biloxi National Cemetery at a later date.

Mayola is survived by her sons, Myron P. (Mary Lynn) Levron, and Al J. (Tina) Levron; daughter, Karen Levron

Kelly; stepson, Robert (Brenda) Rotherham; daughters-in-law, Carol Lee C. Levron, and Pamela H. Levron; and 15 grandchildren.

Mayola was preceded in death by her 1st husband, Alcide Ellis Levron; 2nd husband, William Morgan Rotherham; parents, Elie J. and Emelie LeBoeuf Naquin; sons, Wade J. Levron, and Dean F. Levron; daughter, Werline L. and Floyd Sr. Robert; son-in-law, Allen J. Kelly; and grandson, Toby Ellis Robert.

Mayola was a loving wife, mother and grandmother. She was a lifelong teacher in St. Bernard Parish and Waveland, MS. She was a member of the Red Hat Society, and the Waveland Elks. She enjoyed bowling, playing bunto and dominos with her



friends, and going to the casinos along the gulf coast. She will be dearly missed by all whose hearts she touched.

Special thanks to Haydel Memorial Hospice, close friends Gloria Bouvier, Jean Duet, Lonnie Bordelon, and her caregivers Debbie Kay, Patricia LeBlanc, and Cindy Lyons.

Chauvin Funeral Home and Crematory, INC. is honored to serve the Rotherham family.

EVELYN CHRISTIAN WINCH

Evelyn Christian Winch died at the age of 92 on Monday, January 3, 2022.

She was born on February 10, 1929 in Alabama and lived most of her adult life in Tuscaloosa. She was a graduate of the Druid City Hospital School of Nursing and she received bachelors and masters’ degrees from The University of Alabama. She worked in nursing over 40 years having been a director and an administrator. She was an avid fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide, and became a New Orleans Saints fan after moving with her husband to Pass Christian, MS. Evelyn was a member of the Pass Christian

Yacht Club and she started a Red Hat Society club in which she was the Queen Mum. She loved gardening, cooking, taking care of her beloved dogs and cats, and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert D Winch, Jr.

She is survived by her daughters, Deborah Cunningham and Barbara Winch of Pass Christian; two granddaughters, Kelly Lanier Webb (Chad) and Blair Lanier Seegers (Lee) of Gulfport and two great-granddaughters Mary Evelyn Jakubik and Campbell Jakubik of Gulfport.

The family would like to extend their thanks to Kare In Home Hospice and the caregivers at The



Claiborne at Gulfport Highlands.

Those who may wish to remember Evelyn in a special way may make a gift in her memory to the Alzheimer’s Association Mississippi Division: P.O. Box 456, Ridgeland, MS 39158.

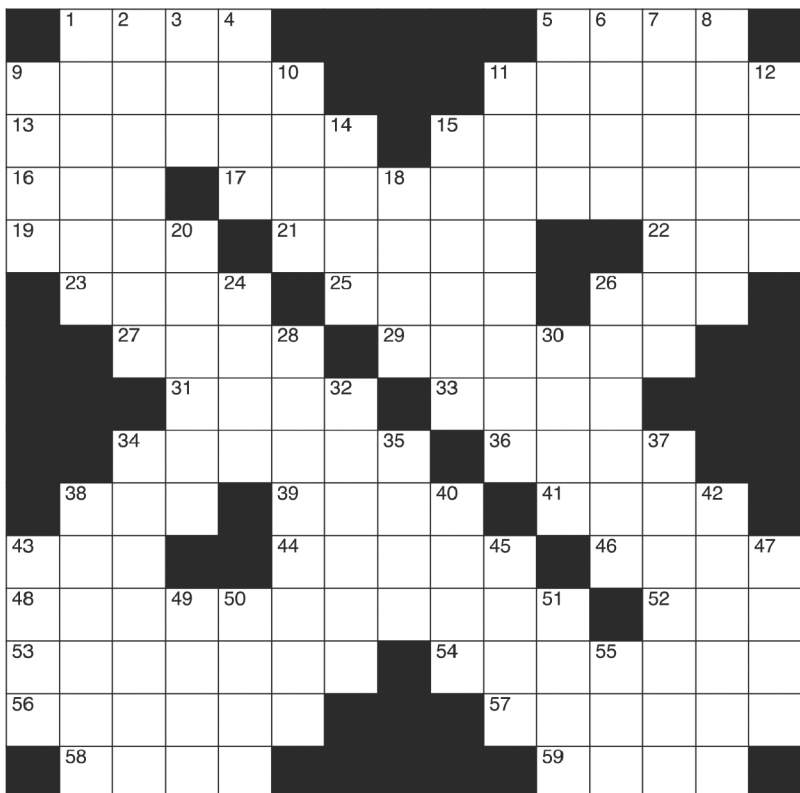
A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Evelyn Christian Winch.

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56. Cuts in half
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58. Expresses contempt or disgust
59. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

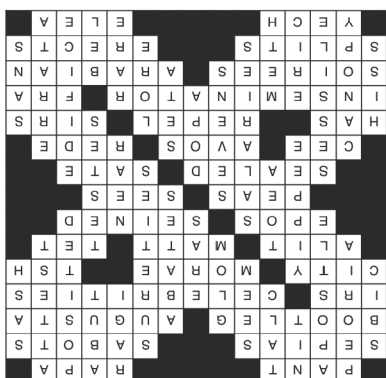


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2. Which Italian automobile manufacturer gained majority control of U.S. automobile manufacturer Chrysler in 2011?
3. The following is a line from which 1970's film 'you talkin to me'?"
4. What was the first Pixar movie?
5. Pope Gregory IV tried to exterminate what animal from Europe, as he said they were instruments of Satan?

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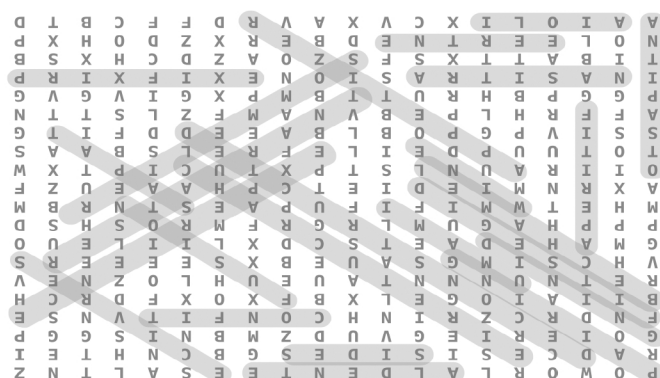
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Devotional Page

Dig a well; build an altar

By C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN.



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There is an interesting and moving story in the 26th chapter of Genesis of the Hebrew Scriptures. Isaac, son of Abraham, is leading his flocks and servants through land which his father had occupied

years before. In that area there were several old wells which Abraham had dug. They had long been filled up or lost, but Isaac, knowing their location, started to revisit and reopen them.

In this hot and dry region water was a valuable commodity, and knowing its location was critical information. As a result, when the old wells were restored, it was common for other tribes to contend for them. Sometimes there would be violent confrontation, and rather than fight, Isaac

would simply move on to another location where he knew there was another old well. Finally, they reached a place where a well was opened and there was not a contention for it. Isaac decided to remain there. The text says that they built an altar there, dug a well, and the indication is that they lived in peace in that place.

Of course, the point of this story, and the reason it is remembered is not dependent on the historical facts but the spiritual truth embodied therein. Two essential realities

contained in this story serve to remind us that our lives and well-being depend on life-giving water to sustain our physical bodies and soul-reviving spiritual strength to sustain our inner selves. That part of the ancient Hebrew memory remains relevant to this day. We are physical as well as spiritual beings. We must nourish our bodies as well as our souls. To fall short in either area leads to trouble in life.

It is important to note that this is not a doctrinal or religious truth. It is true be-

cause of the nature of our humanity. We all have physical needs, and we also all have an internal spirit which requires nurture. If we are inclined toward religion, such an inclination may assist us in navigating that aspect of our lives. It may also be a hindrance if religion points us in a negative or intolerant direction. Religion is not the point. What is important is the awareness of that interior aspect of life which holds the potential to guide us in our thoughts and attitudes and contains the key to our well-be-

ing. Pay attention to that, strive to embrace its possibilities, and life can be lived with hope. Ignore it, and despair may result.

Hopefully, we will take this ancient truth seriously.

May we be intentional in our work to care for both aspects of our lives. Let us “dig a well and build an altar” within our spirits.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
JORDAN N BRADFORD, JR.
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, COUNTY OF HANCOCK OFFICE OF THE CHANCERY CLERK, COUNTY OF HANCOCK OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, MONYA R. MITTELSTAEDT, SAM DENODA, JR. AND WILDA C. DENODA, if living, if deceased, then the unknown heirs at law, devisees and/or legatees; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 162H-0-166-000, LOTS 35, 36, & 37, BLOCK 4, STARLAND PLACE SUBDIVISION, HANCOCK

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Hon. Timothy A. Kellar,
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD DEAN ZELLERS,
DECEASED
CAUSE NO: 23CHI-21-cv-00645-JP
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 29th day of November, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executor upon the Estate Edward Dean Zellers, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.
This 29th day of December, 2021.
//Shirley Gates//
Shirley Gates, Executor
//Mark B. Carter//
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NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on February 5, 2007, Roland G. Cuevas and Lethia L. Cuevas executed a deed of trust for the benefit of American General Financial Services, Inc., which deed of trust was recorded on February 7, 2007, in Book 2007, Page 7018 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to OneMain Financial Services, Inc. by assignment recorded in Book 2019, Page 3308 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi.

WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on March 11, 2019, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2019, Page 4801, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, OneMain Financial Services, Inc., has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustee's fees and expenses of sale;
THEREFORE, on February 2, 2022, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:
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And
A parcel of land situated in the SE ' of the SE ' of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, and being more fully described as follows: Beginning at the SW corner of the SE ' of the SE ' of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 18 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, said point being on the south line of Section 28, thence north 1,029.00 feet to a point, said point being the SW corner of property conveyed to Roger Dale Cuevas; thence East along south line of property conveyed to Roger Dale Cuevas 338.44 feet to a point; thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds East 400 feet to a point; thence East 384.56 feet to a point on the west margin of Highway 43, thence South 01 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds East along said west margin of Highway 43 a distance of 419.57 feet to a point, said point being the NE corner of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas; thence West along the north line of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas 210.00 feet to a point said point being the NW corner of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas; thence S 01 degrees 54 minutes 33 seconds East along west property line of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas 210.00 feet to a point on the southline of Section 28, said point being the SW corner of property conveyed to Roland Cuevas; thence West along said south line of Section 28 a distance of 547.30 feet to P.O.B., containing 12.9 acres of land, more or less.
Less and Except
Less and Except: commencing at a found 1-1/2" pipe at the southwest corner of the SE ' of the SE ' of Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi; thence along the South line of said foot, North 80 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds East (astronomic) 758.26 feet to the West right of way of Mississippi State Highway No. 43 (140 Feet Wide); thence along said right of way, North 01 degrees, 53 minutes, 42 seconds West 210.00 feet to a set " rebar and the point of beginning; thence South 88 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds West 395.09 feet to a set " rebar; thence North 00 degrees 11 minutes 49 seconds East 218.07 feet to a set " rebar, thence North 88 degrees 38 minutes 57 seconds East 387.13 feet to the West right of way of Mississippi State Highway No. 43; thence along said right of way; South 01 degrees 53 minutes 42 seconds East 218.00 feet to the point of beginning. I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee.
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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
TO: ANY OR ALL WRONGFUL DEATH BENEFICIARIES OF MALCOLM JOSEPH VEAZEY, DECEASED
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
THE COMPLAINT WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.
You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of a written response to the Petition by Russeline L. Veazey, Executrix, seeking judicial declaration of the wrongful death beneficiaries of MALCOLM JOSEPH VEAZEY, deceased.
Your response must be mailed or delivered within thirty (30) days from the date of the first publication of this Summons or a Judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in this Petition.
You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.
ISSUED under my hand and seal of office, this the 4th day of January, 2022.
Timothy A. Kellar, Chancery Clerk
By: Bridgett Ladner
Deputy Clerk
152 Main Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Publication Dates:
01/12/22, 01/19/22, 01/26/22

American Towers LLC is proposing to increase the height of an existing 110' monopole telecommunications tower from 110' to 135' at 4402 W. Aloha Dr., Diamondhead, MS 39525. The proposed modification involves a change from no lighting to El Avian IR lighting. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Interested persons may review the project application pending with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at www.fcc.gov/as/applications by entering Form 854 File No. A1020787. Interested persons may comment or raise environmental impact concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages all interested parties to make such filings online, following the instructions found at www.fcc.gov/as/environmentalrequest. Paper filings can be sent to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The Request must also be sent to American Towers LLC, by e-mailing a copy to enviro.services@americantower.com or mailing a copy to: American Tower, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801 ATTN: Environmental Compliance. Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns, and must be received on or before 2/11/22. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.
01/12/22, 01/19/22

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DONALD RALPH GRIFFITH, DECEASED
BY: TINA MARIE GRIFFITH OAKES, Petitioner
NO.C23CHI-21-68SCB
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 21st day of December, 2021, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix of the Estate of DONALD RALPH GRIFFITH, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to law, within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice, or they will be forever barred.
THIS, the 5th day of January 2022.
TINA MARIE GRIFFITH OAKES
Prepared by:
Zach Butterworth, MS Bar No. 9946
Hesse & Butterworth, PLLC
Post Office Box 3567
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
Tele: 228-255-7500
Attorney for Executrix
Publish:
01/12/22, 01/19/22, 01/26/22

Legal Notice
The Bay Saint Louis-Waveland School District will receive sealed bids at the Central Office, 200 North Second Street, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520 Until 11:00 a.m. on Friday February 11, 2022 for the following.
E-Rate Equipment
Bid packets and complete specifications may be obtained by contacting the following.
Aaron Lewis, Director of Technology - alewis@bwsd.org
The Bay Saint Louis-Waveland School District reserves the right to accept / reject any and all bids and waive informalities.
01/12/22, 01/19/22

Hemphill Construction will be performing the replacement of Bridge No. 46 on Bayou Lacroix Road in Hancock County and will mobilize to the project location and close Bayou Lacroix Road, at Bridge No. 46, to traffic on January 17, 2022. The project will consist of replacement of Bridge No. 46. The section of road will be closed for approximately 60 to 90 days.
01/12/22, 01/19/22

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT DAVID GIVENS
MELISSA GIVENS
PETITIONER
CAUSE NO.: 21-596-MA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the Estate of Robert David Givens, deceased, were granted to Melissa Givens by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi on the 16th day of December, 2021, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.
This 6th day of January, 2022.
Melissa Givens, Administratrix
Prepared by:
James L. Gray
Attorney at Law
P. O. Box 1682
Picaune, MS 39466
phone: (601) 749-2700
email: jlgraylaw@yahoo.com
MS Bar No. 4981
01/12/22, 01/19/22, 01/26/22

NOTICE OF NOTE SALE
NOT TO EXCEED \$2,721,150
GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTE,
SERIES 2022
BY HANCOCK COUNTY
UTILITY AUTHORITY
Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Utility Authority (the "Authority"), at the office of the Hancock County Utility Authority, 598 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until the hour of 3:00 o'clock p.m. on January 27, 2022. Said bids will be publicly read and considered thereafter on February 3, 2022, at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Utility Authority to be held at the regular meeting place of the Governing Body at the Hancock County Utility Authority, 598 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for the issuance of a Note to Exceed \$2,721,150 Grant Anticipation Note (Non-Revolving Line of Credit) (the "2022 Grant Anticipation Note") to provide interim financing to defray the cost of the Project, defined below.
The Note is authorized to be issued by Sections 49-17-701 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended from time to time, and by a Note Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Authority on January 6, 2022 (the "Note Resolution") and is being issued for the purpose of providing interim financing for the construction of the project authorized in the Memorandum of Understanding dated August 9, 2021 between Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("MDEQ") and the Authority (the "Grant Agreement") which project includes construction and installation of a grinder pump/low pressure sanitary sewer collection system in the Atlantic Street area, paying the cost of issuance of the interim note, and for related purposes (together the "Project")
The term of the Note will be three (3) years from its dated of issuance, which term may be extended by mutual agreement of the Authority and the purchaser of the Note. Principal on the Note will be payable on its final maturity date. Except for an initial advance to pay the costs of issuance of this Note, each advance shall be subject to a minimum principal advance amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). Interest on the Note shall be computed and shall begin to accrue on the date of each advance and be payable annually on each anniversary date of the issuance of the Note until final maturity. Interest shall be calculated on the basis of actual days elapsed and a 360-day year and shall not exceed nine percent (9%).
The Note will be subject to redemption prior to its stated date of maturity, at any time, at par, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.
The interest on the Note is exempt from federal income taxes under existing laws, regulations, rulings and judicial decisions with such exceptions as shall be required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Under existing law, interest on the Note is exempt from present taxes imposed by the State of Mississippi (the "State") and any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the State of Mississippi, except for inheritance, estate and transfer taxes. The Authority has designated the Note as qualified tax-exempt obligations within the meaning and for the purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Code.
Proposals should be addressed to the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Utility Authority and delivered to Mr. David Pitalo, Executive Director of the Authority, at 401 Gulfside Street, Waveland, Mississippi 39576, by the time and date specified above and should be plainly marked "Proposal for \$2,721,150 Grant Anticipation Note."
Information with respect to the indebtedness may be obtained from the Office of the Hancock County Utility Authority at the 401 Gulfside Street, Waveland, Mississippi 39576.

AN OFFERING DOCUMENT WILL NOT BE PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE NOTE.
The principal amount of the Note is being sold to a single purchaser who will have knowledge and experience in financial and business matters making it capable of evaluating the merits and risks of the prospective investment. The Note shall be sold to a purchaser without a view for distributing said Note. The Authority will not pay the legal fees and administrative costs of the purchaser of the Note with respect to its purchase of the Note. The purchaser of said Note shall be required to execute a certification at closing to the effect that the Note is being purchased for the account of the purchaser without the intent to distribute. Based on the foregoing, the Note will be exempt from the continuing disclosure requirements of SEC Rule 15c2-12. Published by order of the Board of Directors of the Hancock County Utility Authority adopted on the 6th day of January 2022.
/s/ Ron Duckworth
CHAIRMAN
HANCOCK COUNTY
UTILITY AUTHORITY
PUBLISH:
01/12/22

PUBLIC NOTICE For PUBLIC MEETINGS
TWIN DISTRICTS
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA
Twin Districts Local Elected Officials
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Twin Districts Workforce Development Area
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 25, 2022
11:00 a.m.
SMPDD Hattiesburg Office
914 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
SMPDD/TDWA is an equal opportunity employer/program.
Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to those with disabilities.
TDD 1-800-582-2233
01/12/22

Peterson's Storage & Investments, LLC will hold a public sale or disposed of to enforce a lien imposed on said property as described below, pursuant to the Mississippi Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Mississippi Code 85-7-121 to 85-7-129 at 3:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 at Peterson's Storage, 23490 Hwy 603 Kiln, MS 39556.

All units will be sold to highest bidder and the sale is open to the public. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale.
For more information call 228-255-8161.
Tenant last known name and address.
Ernest Thomas
2569 Longleaf Dr Perkinson, MS 39573
Chasity Necaise
23153 Highway 603 Kiln, MS 39556
Shaynon Hoffman
1251 Road 350 Kiln, MS 39556
01/12/22

NOTICE
Peterson's Storage & Investments, LLC will hold a public sale or disposed of to enforce a lien imposed on said property as described below, pursuant to the Mississippi Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Mississippi Code 85-7-121 to 85-7-129 at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, January 27th, 2022 at Peterson's Storage, 30180 Hwy 603 Perkinson, MS 39573. All units will be sold to highest bidder and the sale is open to the public. Management reserves the right to withdraw any unit from sale. For more information call 228-255-8161.
Tenant last known name and address.
Krista Anthony
2204 Highway 53 Poplarville, MS 39470
Shauna Ladner
1035 Road 322 Kiln, MS 39556
01/12/22

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE -
WHEREAS, on September 28, 2006, Dale J. Miller executed a promissory note payable to the order of Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors, and assigns.
WHEREAS, the aforesaid promissory note was secured by a Deed of Trust dated September 28, 2006, executed by Dale J. Miller, an unmarried man and Jennifer A. Kirkland and recorded in Book 2006, at Page 48464 of the records of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and which aforesaid Instrument conveys to RECON TRUST COMPANY, N.A., Trustee and to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as beneficiary, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, the hereinafter described property; and WHEREAS, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. assigned said Deed of Trust to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP FKA Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP via an instrument dated July 29, 2010 and recorded in Book 2010, Page in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, the subject Deed of Trust was modified pursuant to an Agreement executed by Dale J. Miller and BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP as subsidiary of Bank of America, N.A.; said Loan Modification Agreement having been record in Book 2011, Page 2577 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, the subject Deed of Trust was again modified pursuant to an Agreement executed by Dale J. Miller and BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP as subsidiary of Bank of America, N.A.; said Loan Modification Agreement having been record in Book 2012, Page 2577 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Bank of America, N.A. assigned said Deed of Trust to Federal National Mortgage Association via an instrument dated November 30, 2012 and recorded in Book 2012, Page 26782 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Federal National Mortgage Association assigned said Deed of Trust to Bank of America, N.A. via an instrument dated February 19, 2014 and recorded in Book 2014, Page 2547 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Bank of America, N.A. assigned said Deed of Trust to Federal National Mortgage Association via an instrument dated December 21, 2015 and recorded in Book 2016, Page in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Federal National Mortgage Association assigned said Deed of Trust to US Bank Trust N.A., as Trustee of Bungalow Series F Trust via an instrument dated June 29, 2017 and recorded in Book 2017, Page 14506 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, US Bank Trust N.A., as Trustee of Bungalow Series F Trust assigned said Deed of Trust to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB D/B/A Christiansa Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for Bantam Funding Trust 2018-1 via an instrument dated July 8, 2019 and recorded in Book 2020, Page 3863 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB D/B/A Christiansa Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for Bantam Funding Trust 2018-1 appointed Marinosci Law Group, P.C. as Substitute Trustee in the place of the afore-mentioned original Trustee via an instrument dated December 27, 2021 and recorded in Book 2022, Page 717 of the records of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and WHEREAS, default having occurred under the terms and conditions of said promissory note and Deed of Trust and the holder having declared the entire balance due and payable; and WHEREAS, Marinosci Law Group, P.C., the Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on February 2, 2022, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., offer for sale and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, located at 854 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property located and situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to wit: Lot 5, Pelican Isle Subdivision, as per the Official Map or Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. Indexing Instructions: Lot 5, Pelican Isle Subdivision, as per the Official Map or Plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. More commonly known as: 17139 Fenton Dedeaux Road, Kiln, MS 39556. Subject to the rights of way and easement for public roads and public utilities, and to any prior conveyance or reservation of mineral of every kind and character, including but not limited to oil, gas, sand and gravel in or under subject property. As the undersigned Substituted Trustee, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. will convey only such title as is vested in it under said Deed of Trust.

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ORIGINAL SIGNED this 10th day of January, 2022.
Respectfully submitted, Marinosci Law Group, P.C. as Substituted Trustee for Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB d/b/a Christiana Trust not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for Bantam Funding Trust 2018-1, 1100 West 2nd Street, Suite 1 Little Rock, AR 72201, (401) 234-9200.
By: Scot Goldsholl, Managing Attorney / Mississippi. THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: Marinosci Law Group, P.C., Scot Goldsholl, MS Bar No. 8461, 1100 West 2nd Street, Suite 1, Little Rock, AR 72201, (401) 234-9200, 18-14631
01/12/22, 01/19/22, 01/26/22

SECTION 00090
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
NOTICE: Bidders
Sealed Bids will be received by the HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS at 854 HIGHWAY 90, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS 39520 until 10:00 A.M., on February 21, 2022, and shortly thereafter opened and read for:
BAYOU CADDY MARINA ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
Project Manuals may be examined at the HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, 854 HIGHWAY 90, BAY ST. LOUIS, MS, at the office of the Design Engineer, Compton Engineering, Inc., 3036 Longfellow Drive in Bay St. Louis, or online at www.comptonengineeringplans.com. The bid documents are being made available online via original paper copy or compact disc upon payment \$125.00 per paper copy and \$50.00 per compact disc. The drawings bound in the bid documents are photographic reductions of the original tracings. Cost includes shipping and handling for each set. The bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Returned of documents are not required. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for online registration. For information regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193. For information regarding this project, contact Compton Engineering's office at 228-467-2770 in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. Sealed paper bids may be submitted to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors at 854 HWY 90, Bay St. Louis, MS.
Electronic bids can be submitted at www.comptonengineeringplans.com. For any questions relating to the electronic bidding process, please call Plan House Printing at 662-407-0193.
The right is reserved by the Owner to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities, and to award the Contract to serve the best interest of Owner.
HANCOCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
By: Scotty Adam, President
Date: October 18, 2021
Publish in the Sea Coast Echo
On January 12, 2022, and January 19, 2022
01/12/22, 01/19/22

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III
PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI BY AND THROUGH LYNN FITCH IN HER CAPACITY AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI;
DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH MATURED TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FOR 2017
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: 69 BLK 12 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE #2 UNIT #4A AA-27-621 PARCEL NO.: 067E-2-26-053.000
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 22-4
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO: IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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CAUSE NO. 22-4
NOTICE
This is a suit by CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III, to quiet and confirm forfeited tax land patent and for other relief to that certain property legally described as: 69 BLK 12 DIAMONDHEAD PHASE #2 UNIT #4A AA-27-621 PARCEL NO.: 067E-2-26-053.000
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Plaintiff, CEMORE MICHAEL ABNEY III, obtained his interest in the subject property by virtue of that STATE OF MISSISSIPPI FORFEITED TAX LAND PATENT NO. 92760, dated June 9, 2021, and recorded on July 8, 2021, in Deed Book 2021 at Pages 10830 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.
If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 220 E. Scenic Drive, Suite 200, Pass Christian, MS 39571.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM WEDNESDAY, THE 12th day of January 2022, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk of this Court is 152 Main Street, Ste. A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Timothy Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
DATED: 1/10/2022
BY: Cassie Tribble
DEPUTY CLERK
Publish Three (3) times:
01/12/22, 01/19/22, 01/26/22

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHARLES C. THOMPSON AND TONI G. THOMPSON
PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
LLOYD A. LECLERC; ALL HEIRS OF LLOYD A. LECLERC; MARIA SANTA LECLERC; ALL HEIRS OF MARIA SANTA LECLERC; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; CITY OF WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; W. CROSBY PARKER IN HIS CAPACITY AS DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI; STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; ALL OTHER PERSONS, FIRMS AND CORPORATIONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN THE DESCRIBED LAND LOCATED IN HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, WHICH SOLD FOR 1974 HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI AD VALOREM TAXES VIZ: LOT 20, BLK 3, BUNNY PARK SUBD., 4TH WARD WAVELAND HAVING PARCEL NO.: 161C-0-01-031.000; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO. 22-08
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CHARLES C. THOMPSON AND TONI G. THOMPSON
PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
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CAUSE NO. 22-08
NOTICE
This is a suit by CHARLES C. THOMPSON AND TONI G. THOMPSON, to quiet and confirm tax title and for other relief to that certain property legally described as: LOT 20, BLK 3, BUNNY PARK SUBD., 4TH WARD WAVELAND HAVING PARCEL NO.: 161C-0-01-031.000; HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI Plaintiffs, Charles C. Thompson and Toni G. Thompson, obtained their interest in the subject property by virtue of that Quitclaim Deed dated March 18, 2016, and recorded on March 21, 2016, in Deed Book 2016 at Page 3235 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, Plaintiffs, Charles C. Thompson and Toni G. Thompson, through mensa conveyances are the successors in interest to R. & S. Land Company who was the highest and best bidder at the 1974 Hancock County ad valorem tax sale held on September 15, 1975, and that taxes not being redeemed was granted a Chancery Clerk's Conveyance Land Sold for Taxes dated October 12, 1977 and recorded on October 12, 1977 in Book AA19 at Page 661 which was recorded in the office of the aforesaid chancery clerk.
If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in this property, you are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of your response to the Complaint to Quiet and Confirm Title and For Other Relief to the attorney for Plaintiffs, Negrotto & Associates, PLLC, c/o Lewie G. "Skip" Negrotto, IV, the attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office address is 220 E. Scenic Drive, Suite 200, Pass Christian, MS 39571.
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS FROM FRIDAY, THE 12th day of JANUARY 2022, WHICH IS THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
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Timothy Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
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BY: Cassie Tribble
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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NO.23CHI-21-cv-588CB
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THIS, the 10th day of January, 2022
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Hesse & Butterworth, PLLC
Post Office Box 3567
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521
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ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 21st day of December, 2021.
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Kiln, MS 39556

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The Community CALENDAR

JANUARY 14

• Waveland Food Truck Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. on Coleman Avenue.

JANUARY 16

• Open poetry reading to be hosted by Starr Chapman and Pat Robinson at Rum Kitchen, 324 Hwy. 90 in Waveland, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign-up begins at 11 a.m. Call 228-363-1956 for more information.

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(228) 254-5139

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1/12, 1/19/2022

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(228)-305-0711

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VIN#: 2G11055AXH9163840

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2001 CHEVROLET CAVALIER
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2006 NISSAN S18
VIN# 3N1CB51D66L455830

2003 HONDA ACCORD
VIN# JHMCM56393C060084

2014 UTILITY TRAILER (SEMI)
VIN# 1UYV5253XEM896615

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NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES

CORVETTES, LLC
20596 HIGHWAY 43 SOUTH
PICAYUNE, MS 39466
228-332-7777
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021.

TIME: 9:00 AM

LOCATION OF SALE:
20596 HIGHWAY 43,
PICAYUNE, MS 39466

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VIN# 1GNEC13Z03J202016

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VIN# 1GNDT13W6X2236253

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1954 CHEVY 210
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• WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 05, 2022
• WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022

JANUARY 17

• The Hancock County NAACP will host an MLK Day Celebration beginning at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church on Sycamore Street in Bay St. Louis. For more, call 501-554-1753.

JANUARY 24

• Free employment skills class begin on Jan. 24 at Women's Community Support Center, located on Hwy. 603 in Bay St. Louis. It is a non-profit Christian organization committed to helping women from all walks of life obtain job and life skills needed to find meaningful employment and break the cycle of poverty. The session runs from Jan. 24 through March 15 and will include classes in: Workforce development, Microsoft Office, communications, money management, life skills, and more Classes met every week on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m.

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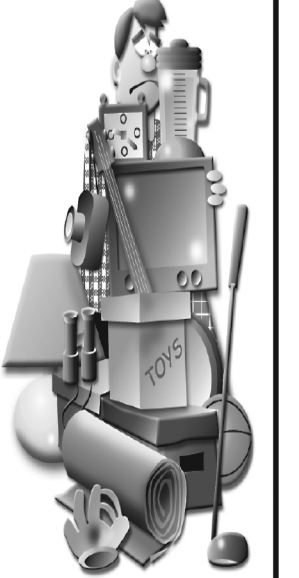
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questions. Please do not call them; simply go by and ask for your AARP packet. COVID-19 protocols will be followed and masks will be required by all.

FEBRUARY 26

• Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 3253, 208 Third St., Bay St. Louis, will host its 10th annual Open Car Show. Registration is from 8 a.m. until noon, day of the show only. \$25 registration fee. Participant voting. Dash plaques for the first 50 vehicles. Awards at 1:30 p.m. Top 20 vehicles; Top 5 Trucks, Best of Show Vehicle and six specialty awards. 50/50 raffle and other fun giveaways. Food, desserts, and beverages will be available.

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Board of Aldermen discuss citywide grass cutting services

BY CASSANDRA FAYRE
STAFF WRITER

Last week, the Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen discussed the pros and cons of in-house grass cutting versus contracting the service.

Ward 1 Alderman Jeremy Burke opened the discussion about the city seeking outside grass cutting services.

In November, the board approved a one-time payment of \$24,622 to Lombardo Industries, LLC to cut the grass for the entire city.

Burke said that Lombardo did a “bang-up” job.

“If you multiple that out, \$25,000, eight times a year a cut, which we don’t even have eight times a year cut now,” Burke said. “Be \$400,000, ‘round about. If you had six times a

year, it’s less. I am personally pleased with getting the whole city cut in three weeks, getting it done before the grass was waist high the next time. I know this is a service, kind of like trash collecting was 25 years, Waveland doesn’t need to be in the business of cutting grass. I just want to basically, say, ‘let’s sign a contract with a fixed price to cut our grass, we’re done with it.’ We wouldn’t be getting phone calls about when they’re going to be in our neighborhood.”

Ward 3 Alderman Shane LaFontaine pointed out that the board discussed the matter during meetings prior to voting on the one-time grass cutting.

The city currently has about \$250,000 worth of tractors on order, he said.

“What becomes of those tractors?” he said. “We haven’t even received them yet. I don’t know if it’s something that can be stopped, but if that’s the direction we’re thinking about going, maybe we can put a hold on these tractors we hired.”

Ward 2 Alderman Bobby Richardson said that the city is also hiring people to operate the equipment.

“Once we get good equipment and good operators, we can stay on top of it and keep on top of it,” he said.

Waveland’s Public Works Manager Bo Humphrey said the tractors should be delivered by mid-January.

Humphrey told the board that two of the city’s tractors were down for repairs just about all

of last year and employees have been trying to maintain with the two tractors in service.

Humphrey added that the cost of repairing the two right now is under \$30,000.

LaFontaine said one of the problems in the city is “steady repairing” the tractors and not getting any use out of them.

“We’ve got four tractors and two stay down all year,” he said.

On average, Humphrey said, the tractors run about 30 hours per week of “hard running every day.”

The city purchased two tractors in 2011 and two more about five or six years ago, LaFontaine said.

Burke asked Humphrey if the city “ever, ever cut every single inch of Waveland in

three weeks?”

Humphrey said, “no.”

“My opinion is that instead of you and crew worrying about cutting grass, there’s a plethora of other stuff that street department could be doing, roads, ditches, everything else,” Burke said. “Taking that off the liability of the city and having a fixed price. I think that there’s some stuff that would be better outsourcing.”

LaFontaine said that the board would also have to look at the budget prior to hiring an outside contractor.

“We’ve already adopted the budget and it would be a pretty big budget amendment,” he said.

Burke said that if citizens pay for grass cutting, then it should get cut.

“This is a way to buy the service,” he said. “If it means my millage goes up next year and I’m getting the service I paid for, then I’m fine with it. This year, we weren’t getting the service we paid for. Yes, rain had something to do with it.”

LaFontaine agreed that the grass does need to be cut more often.

“I do feel as if it’s an issue that needs to be addressed, whether it’s looking at buying equipment that’s going to last or whether it’s contracting out,” he said. “It is a service that we should provide and needs improvement one way or the other.”

Burke said that it’s something he wants the board to look at and that he was pleased with the contractor’s performance.

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse prepares for “Mutiny in the Bay” 2022

SEA COAST ECHO

Someone alert the fire station, Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will be “Burning Down the House” in 2022 with the introduction of the new pirate honor guard at the upcoming “Mutiny in the Bay” pirate party on Saturday January 15th. Captain Longbeard, Albert Ghergich, and Lady Claiborne, Noel Allen Lizana will be retiring their flag and theme “Riders on the Storm” as they welcome the 2022 honor guard led by the newly chosen Captain Longbeard, Tim Sanford, and Lady Clai-

borne, Sandy Walsh.

It seemed only fitting that this year’s “Mutiny in the Bay” party theme would be “Burning Down the House” since Tim Sanford is a retired firefighter and Sandy Walsh is a local realtor. The theme also relates to a historical reference of the burning of the USS Sea Horse so it wouldn’t be captured before the Battle of New Orleans. Rounding out this year’s honor guard are Gina Sanford, Emmett Walsh, Stacy & Elizabeth Smith, JR & Betty Greiner, Alan & Trudy Ehrich, and

Mike & Irene Webb.

The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse pirates have grown restless since their ship had to dock for the Christmas holidays. The upcoming “Mutiny in the Bay” pirate party is certainly a way to sail into the New Year. The party is sure to please the palate with an eclectic mix of heavy hors d’oeuvres, dancing music, a cash bar, and plenty of pirate mayhem. The party is for members, gulf coast residents, and weekend visitors. Come dressed as a pirate or come coastal casual. The party begins at

7pm and the shenanigans end at 11 pm. Tickets can be purchased on the website, mkotsh.com, in advance for \$35.00 and \$40.00 at the door.

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse invites you to like and follow us on Facebook for upcoming events such as our “Lundi Gras” parade on Monday, February 28, 2022. The “Lundi Gras” parade is the only night parade, rolling at 5pm, on the gulf coast and is a great way to celebrate Mardi Gras with the community. Our local artists have been embellishing

the Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse pirate ship over the winter. Come check out the ship’s new look and catch some signature light-up seahorse beads

and LED throws. The Krewe has been working very hard dressing up their golf carts for the upcoming parade.

Abigail Marlin Receives Dean’s List Honors for Fall 2021 Semester

SEA COAST ECHO

Abigail Marlin of Diamondhead was recently named to the Dean’s List for the Fall 2021 semester at the university of Evansville (UE). Marlin is studying Theatre Management at UE.

A total of over 630 students were named to the UE Dean’s List. To merit this honor, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and

have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Founded in 1854, the University of Evansville is located in Evansville, Indiana. The first in the state to be designated as an Ashoka U Changemaker Campus, its changemaking culture empowers students to improve the world around them. UE has an array of majors in business, engineering, the arts and sciences, and health science programs. For more information, please visit evansville.edu.

• HEALTH

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closer to 90 percent. But again, these are in limited supply. We are having them distributed primarily to our COVID centers of excellence, hospital partners and their clinics, and also to our community health center partners.”

Dobbs said the state also re-

ceived about 1,300 doses of the preventative antibody called Evusheld, which he said is being distributed to the state’s comprehensive cancer centers and UM-MC’s transplant center.

“This is going to be for folks who will not respond to the vaccine because they are on active cancer treatment or severe immunosuppression or transplant patients,” he said.

Find booster and vaccination information at <https://msdh.ms.gov/c19vaccination>

Third vaccine doses and booster doses are now available through county health departments for those who qualify. More information at <https://msdh.ms.gov/boosters>

The Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is now scheduling COVID-19 vaccinations for children 5 to 11 years old.

The latest COVID-19 guidance and protective steps to take are also online at <http://HealthyMS.com/covid-19>.

PRCC announces Dean’s and President’s List for Fall 2021 semester

SEA COAST ECHO

The Dean’s and President’s lists for the Fall 2021 semester have been released by Pearl River Community College. A total of 938 students are being honored for their academic excellence with 296 students on the President’s List and 642 students that made the Dean’s List.

To be recognized, students must have taken at least 15 credit hours for the semester. Those who earned a 3.4-3.99 GPA were named to the Dean’s List. Students who earned a 4.0 GPA were honored on the President’s List.

Below is a complete list of last semester’s honorees grouped by hometown.

DEAN’S LIST

Bay St. Louis: Hannah Coleman, Hunter Dear, Christopher Fortner, Brandie Hust, Brianna Ladner, Christopher Moore and Devin Redler

Diamondhead: Kimberly Bolian,

Kaylynn Bowley, Ariane Halstead, Taylor Lauckner, Mallory Lee, Ashton Simpson, Julia Smith, and Bianca Vellon

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- B) Cost of property
- C) Down payment amount
- D) License plate numbers for vehicles registered in Hancock County.
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- G) Is any part of the property rented

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Sports

The Sea Coast Echo • Wednesday, January 12, 2022

Basketball and Soccer in their final surge before the playoffs

BY JOSEPH W. GEX, II
STAFF WRITER

Basketball is in the final weeks of the regular season while soccer is about nine days away from opening the post-season.

BASKETBALL

The Saint Stanislaus Rock-A-Chaws picked up a key division win with a 69-32 victory over Perry Central on Tuesday. The win was the largest margin of victory for the Rocks in the Grievess era.

SSC jumped out to a 20-6 lead in the first period and extended that lead to 40-20 at intermission.

Omar Tayara, Ja'Kobe Cameron, and Byron Krohn all scored six points in the third period.

The Rocks (6-11, 4-1) were able to get key minutes for several reserve

players in the fourth period as they ran the clock down.

SSC head coach Daniel Grievess commented, "We were focused tonight especially after being off over the long break. With our situation as a boarding school, we were not able to have our full team here for practices so we were forced to get some experience with different rotations of personnel on the floor. We learned to work together. We are still learning who we are in many aspects and that was evident tonight."

Tayara led the Rocks with 23 points and 6 rebounds followed by Cameron with 15 points and Krohn with 12 points.

The Rocks took on Tylertown on Friday evening and came up short falling 51-46 after being behind 12 points in the third period. The

Rocks roared back and took a 41-39 lead with 3:52 left in the game as Krohn sank two free throws; however, Tylertown made their free throws late in the game to secure the win.

Grievess stated, "Tonight was a game where we can't let our highs get too high. This team has slowly begun to understand what that means and the application of it. It is about keeping an even keel and staying focused. We are still very much in the thick of the race despite the outcome. Now that we have background on this team, we will adjust so that the next time we play them we have plans in place."

Cameron led the Rocks with 14 points followed by Krohn with 13 and Tayara with 12 points.

The Rocks received a forfeit win against Jefferson Davis on Tuesday,

January 11, due to COVID complications.

The Hancock Lady Hawks recorded one of their biggest wins in recent memory on Tuesday evening. The Lady Hawks knocked off previously undefeated and #1-ranked Harrison Central 51-46.

The Hawks were led by Maddy Ladner with 21 points and 15 rebounds followed by Brooklyn Cuevas with 11 points. Nina Wedgeworth grabbed 7 rebounds and Cambria Ne-caise tallied 9 points and 4 steals.

Hancock head coach Jamie Sisco stated, "This was a really big win for our team tonight, very proud of the girls and how tough they were. I felt like three weeks ago we were getting really close to being where we needed to be as a team, but then we had the injury to Jenna. But we have

had other girls step up in her absence. Our division is really tough, so we will need to build off of this win, correct a few things, and keep grinding it out."

In the boys game, Hancock fell to Harrison Central 54-41 despite surging in the first period to take a 12-10 lead.

Blaine Knight led the Hawks with 18 points and Jackson Corey added 10 points.

In other action, Bay High was swept by Pass Christian on Tuesday. The Lady Pirates beat Bay High 34-17 while the Pirates received a forfeit win over Bay High due to COVID complications.

On Friday, Bay High had to forfeit both basketball games to Greene County due to COVID complications.

OLA picked up two division wins on the

court last week with a 48-42 win against Perry Central and a forfeit win over Jefferson Davis due to COVID complications. On Friday, the Crescents dropped their game with Tylertown 49-21.

Haley Cox led OLA with 8 points followed by Angele Holman with 7 points.

SOCCER

Soccer is in their final 10 days of action before the postseason begins.

The Bay High Tigers picked a 2-1 win over Gautier and a 2-1 contest with Stone last week. The Rocks tallied a 3-1 win over Sacred Heart including two goals by Mateen Kellum.

Hancock did not play last week.

The Lady Tigers dropped their game with Stone last week 2-0.

Shore Thing: Bring on 2022!!!



Shore Thing Fishing Report

BY CPT. SONNY
SCHINDLER

I'm already liking the way 2022 has begun. One of the first trips of the New Year was just incredible.

We had family in town from Austin, TX. My nieces Bea(6 y/o) and Eloise (4 y/o) have only fished with me one other

time. They were much younger on their first trip in the boat. The fishing wasn't super fast on that one, and they didn't make it long before they lost interest.

We were ready this go round. My daughter, their cousin, Margot was their to help the girls. This was a very smart play. When we found our fish, they were all big and the younger girls needed help. The sheephead were scary big, and some of the black drum we caught were as big as the young ladies.

It took their Dad Russell and myself a minute to figure out the bite. The tide was rolling and we were having trouble keeping our live shrimp on the bottom with 1/4

ounce weights. Once we switched to 1 ounce weights, we were dialed in!

Some of the fish took the combined efforts of Margot, Bea and Eloise. Between the size of the fish, the screaming current, and the light tackle, it was all they could do to get the fish up. I'm very pleased to report that no one fell in the water.

The girls did amazing, and eventually tuckered out. Truth be told, I think they had more fun back at the cleaning dock in Bayou Caddy. Between the numerous species of birds eating the scraps, and our neighbors friendly puppy, my nieces were on cloud 9.

And the hits just kept coming. We took our big

sheepshead and smaller black drum fillets to The Blind Tiger in downtown Bay St Louis. I don't know what they do or how they do it, but the cooks at TBT prepared the fish perfectly. We got half of the fish fried, and half blackened for fish tacos. Let's just say Uncle Sonny was a popular guy after this adventure.

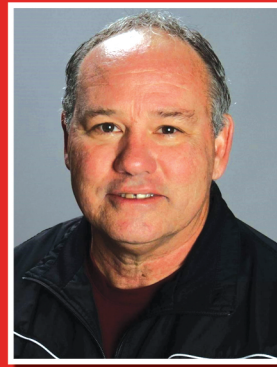
You can't start a new year expecting things to be bad. Show 2022 who's the boss. Get out there and have some fun. Please Do it safely and respect others. I truly hope everyone of yall has an incredible 2022!!!



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Eloise Maybury, Sonny and Margot Schindler, and Bea Maybury with the biggest black drum caught off Waveland, MS



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Bea, Eloise, and Russell Maybury along with Margot Schindler with a nice black drum and sheepshead caught just off Bayou Caddy.



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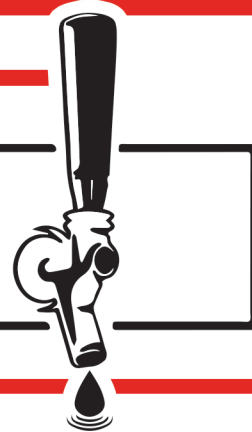
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**GAMES
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THURSDAY 1-13-22

• Bowling: Hancock vs Long Beach at Park Ten Lanes, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY 1-14-22

- Basketball: Bay High at Stone, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Hancock at Harrison Central, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: OLA vs West Marion, 5 p.m. (Senior Night).
- Basketball: Saint Stanislaus vs West Marion, 6 p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High vs Moss Point, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock vs Biloxi, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: OLA at St. Patrick, 5:30 p.m.
- Soccer: Saint Stanislaus vs St. Patrick, 7 p.m.

MONDAY 1-17-22

- Soccer: Saint Stanislaus vs Sacred Heart, 11 a.m.

TUESDAY 1-18-22

- Basketball: Bay High vs Moss Point, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- Basketball: Hancock vs Biloxi, 6 p.m./7:30p.m.
- Basketball: OLA vs St. Patrick, 6 p.m.
- Basketball: Saint Stanislaus at St. Patrick, 7 p.m.
- Soccer: Hancock at Harrison Central, 5:30 p.m./7p.m.
- Soccer: Bay High vs Pass Christian, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- Soccer: OLA vs Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.

• **BAY**

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last week, responding to a request from Ron Thorp, a member of the Hancock County Alliance for Good Government.

At the council’s last meeting in December, Thorp blasted the school board for its position on an upcoming bond issue request (see separate story).

Thorp said he believes the citizens should have the right to elect board members, as well, so that they could have a little more say in what the board does.

City attorney Heather Ladner Smith explained at the time that the current system for naming school board members — with the Bay appointing its members and Waveland voters selecting theirs — goes back to the earliest days when the district was first formed.

Initially, the district was just for students in the city of Bay St. Louis, Smith said, and so — as a city district — the mayor nominated candidates and the city council approved them. Later, Waveland was “annexed” into the district, she said, and since Waveland had previously voted for members on the Hancock School Board, that practice was continued when it entered the city school district.

Any change to the system would have been made by the Mississippi Legislature, Smith said.

Last Tuesday, the board drafted the resolution for a special-session vote on Monday.

“We talked about a resolution to have a referendum to have our citizens determine how they’d like our school board members selected,” Ward 4 Councilman Kyle Lewis said last week. “Obviously, when you have a governing body that has the ability

to raise our taxes, I think it’s vitally important to let our citizens decide ... how they want to be represented. I think it brings accountability and transparency.”

While Lewis and Councilman at Large Gary Knoblock voted for the resolution on Monday, the rest of the council voted against it.

Ward 6 Councilman Josh DeSalvo said that during similar efforts to change the way the Bay St. Louis representatives were named to the school board, residents voiced their fears that minority members wouldn’t be able to get elected to the board.

Ward 3 Councilman Jeffrey Reed said he is in favor of changing from appointment to electing board members, but wants to change the way the resolution is worded.

Mayor Mike Favre said the next appointment to the school board will be in March, when Trustee Vicky Arnold’s term expires.

• **SHIPPING**

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something that you don’t want to do, then the proper thing to do to study this issue is consider maybe doing a short-term moratorium and have the planning commission or somebody conduct a hearing and do a study as to whether or not you’re going to allow it. Because right now, if somebody applies for similar construction, you’re going to have to allow it.”

Richardson asked Hayes if the homebuilder is required to cover the steel.

“It’s not allowed to have steel facade, you got to cover it,” Hayes said. “The whole thing’s corrugated metal, specifically, the zoning ordinance does not allow.”

Burke said that if people can’t tell it’s a shipping container, he “doesn’t have an issue with it.”

“If I’m living next to it, I want it to be aesthetically pleasing,” he said.

Burke said that the ordinance should spell out what facades are allowed.

“Our zoning ordinance does that now,” Hayes said.

Burke also said that the ordinance should require the shipping container structure to have a pitched roof.

Richardson said he spoke to Hancock County Tax Assessor Jimmie Ladner about whether shipping container construction would affect neighboring property values.

“He said that if it is conforming to a residential home and it goes strictly by the building official guidelines and all ordinances and all codes, he said it won’t have an effect on appraisals around it all,” Richardson said.

Board members expressed an interest in looking at the city’s current ordinance as it relates to shipping container

construction — especially as it relates to aesthetics — and make changes accordingly.

The board also approved a motion to advertise for and conduct a hearing on a moratorium on shipping container construction within the city.

The notice of a public hearing is scheduled to run in the Echo on Jan. 19 and 26. The public hearing will be held on Feb. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Waveland City Hall, located at 301 Coleman Ave. Residents are invited to attend in person or present written comments in support or opposition to the moratorium to the city clerk at 301 Coleman Ave., Waveland, MS 39576.

In other action:

The board approved a motion declaring the property at 413 Surf St. a public menace and gave the owner 30 days to take action and demolish the structure. The motion also authorizes the city to obtain quotes for demolition if the owner doesn’t comply.

The board approved a resolution for the grinder pump policy and right-of-entry agreement to be utilized throughout the city to replace privately-owned grinder pumps within the city. Jones said this pertains to failing grinder pumps and includes grinder pumps installed with new construction.

“There are certain areas in town that y’all are talking about extending the sewer lines to,” he said. “And if we install a grinder pump and hook them up to sewer, the city would retrieve the grinder pump and reuse it for the next person.”

A copy of the resolution can be found at www.seacoastecho.com.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss capital projects.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 19th at 6:30 p.m.

• **BOND**

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at the football/soccer field.

- Multiple upgrades on classroom facilities, HVAC systems, safety protocols and ADA upgrades at several facilities.
- Fieldhouse and gym projects at Bay Waveland Middle School, to include a hardwood floor and bleachers.

Favre said some of the questions trustees were posed were “why now?” or “why the rush?”

He said the bond issue was “an attempt to leverage (federal funding levied through the CARES Act for pandemic relief) to the very best of our abilities.... If we intend to make the most out of the federal money, that has to be done in conjunction with the bond issue.”

Favre said many of the issues the board hopes

to correct with the bond issue have existed since long before he joined the board six years ago.

Favre also addressed questions about enrollment dropping in the district.

While it is true that the district has about 219 fewer students enrolled this year than it did six years ago, he said, that doesn’t mean the students were all in the same classes or age group, so you can’t just eliminate classes or facilities, just adjust to operate with smaller class sizes.

If the bond passes, it could mean a millage increase for taxpayers.

“The school board is not raising your taxes,” Favre said. “The school board is simply saying, ‘These are our needs. Do you support them?’”

After Favre’s presentation, Thorp addressed the board in public forum. He praised Superintendent Dr. Sandra Reed and Director of Curriculum Nicole Menotti for helping the district rise from a C rating to an A,

and thanked the board members for giving of their time to serve the district.

However, he said he felt the board’s public discussions of the bond issue were not properly advertised, and he felt the funds sought were excessive.

Also during public forum, Rachel Knight — a mother of two children in the district — told board members she was firmly in favor of the bond issue. Knight said the improvements were badly needed.

Mickey Lagasse — city clerk for the city of Waveland — told board members he had not yet “researched” enough to know whether he supported the bond issue, but urged them to hire an experienced construction manager for the projects if the bond issue is approved.

Voters in Bay St. Louis and Waveland will head to the polls on March 29 to determine whether the bond issue passes.



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Waveland Mayor Mike Smith and Human Resources Coordinator Pam LaFontaine engaged Master Trainer Henry Tebbe (Waveland Resident) to conduct Sexual Harassment Training to all 100+ city employees. Training included background; what is Sexual Harassment; recognizing Sexual Harassment, types of Sexual Harassment, city employee policy, process for resolving and possible outcomes. It was also pointed out that Sexual Assault is different from Sexual Harassment and has a different process for handling. Pictured above are early bird signup by employees as well as Pam LaFontaine and trainer Henry Tebbe. Each of three classes trained 30+ city workers starting at the top with Mayor Mike Smith.

Linda Simmons-Burdic of Bay St. Louis Graduates from Mississippi College

SEA COAST ECHO

Linda Simmons-Burdic of Bay Saint Louis, MS graduated from Mississippi College in recent commencement exercises. Simmons-Burdic earned a Education Specialist in EDU Leadership Admin K-12.

Mississippi College honored the graduates of both summer and fall semesters in three campus ceremonies on Friday, Dec. 17. Dr. Blake Thompson, MC president, welcomed the graduates and gave opening remarks, while Dr. Tommy Leavelle, retired professor in the Department of Mathematics at MC and the 2020-21 Distinguished Professor of the Year, gave the Commencement Address.

Thompson reiterated MC's theme, "Rise Up," for the 2021-22 Academic Year, inviting the MC Family to make this a year built on the "good work" God calls us all to do. The encouragement taken from Nehemiah

2:18 illustrates that, although situations can change at a moment's notice, God will strengthen our hands.

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